



Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 Expedited Procedure - Examining Group 2665

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Please accept the following remarks in response to the final Office Action mailed December 30, 2002:

## Remarks

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 3-7 and 9-13 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-9 of U.S. Patent No. 6,178,179. A terminal disclaimer has been filled together with this paper.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, 13 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,905,781 to McHale et al. (McHale) in

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